IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Williams *et al*. Serial No.: 10/662,621 Filed: September 15, 2003 Confirmation No.: 9764 Group Art Unit: 1615 Examiner: Levy, Neil S.

For: CARBON DIOXIDE-ASSISTED METHODS OF PROVIDING

BIOCOMPATIBLE INTRALUMINAL PROSTHESES

Date: May 24, 2007

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NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Sir:

Pursuant to 35 USC § 134, 37 CFR § 41.31, and MPEP § 1205, the Applicant in the above-identified patent application hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Office Action dated April 10, 2007 at least twice rejecting or finally rejecting claims 27-34, 38-44 and 48-56.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$_______ for the Appeal fee as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 41.20(b)(1).

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A petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) is enclosed.

Also enclosed:

The Commissioner is authorized to charge \$500 for the appeal fee and any additional fees that may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

Respectfully submitted,

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